

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-919

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Ellen Jefferson house

## 2. Location

street & number 25851 Royal Oak Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Royal Oak \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 2

state Maryland county Talbot

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture ___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	___ commercial ___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment ___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government ___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial ___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military ___ other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ellen F. Jefferson

street & number telephone no.: 822-0517

city, town Royal Oak state and zip code MD 21662

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 554

street & number folio 143

city, town Easton state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

repository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Ellen Jefferson house is located on the northwest corner of Royal Oak Road and Thornteton Road in Royal Oak, Talbot County, Maryland. This house faces east with the principle gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1883, this two-story, frame structure is sheathed in white german siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and the foundation consists of brick piers. The house is finished with corner boards and a boxed cornice. An interior brick chimney pierces the center of the roof.

The east (main) elevation has a full-width porch supported by square posts with decorative brackets. The central bay is a three light over two panel entrance door with a single light transom. The door is flanked on either side by one four-over-four sash window with narrow surrounds. The second floor is lit by two four-over-four sash windows. A central cross gable at the attic level is lit by one small four-over-four sash window with a rounded upper sash.

The north elevation is a gable end with cornice returns lit on the first floor by one four-over-four sash window with narrow surrounds. The second floor is lit by two four-over-four sash windows. One small four-over-four sash window with a rounded upper sash pierces the attic level. A two-story, gable roof addition extends to the west of this elevation. The addition is lit on the first and second floors by two four-over-four sash windows with narrow surrounds. An interior brick chimney sits at the western most end of this addition. A one-story, shed roof addition with a cinderblock foundation extends from this two-story addition.

The west elevation of the house's main body is pierced by one fifteen light door on the first floor and one four-over-four sash window on the second floor. The northern bay of this elevation is the blind gable end of the house's rear two-story addition. The first floor of this addition consists of a one-story, shed roof projection lit by one three-light casement window with wide surrounds and two large four light windows. The south side of this shed roof addition is pierced by one four-light over two-panel door.

The south elevation is a gable end with cornice returns lit by one four-over-four sash window with narrow surrounds and a projecting three-sided bay window. This bay has a tin roof with decorative brackets and trim lit on each side by one-over-one sash windows. The second floor is lit by two

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Bernice Leonard writes about this property in Twig and Turf III. This one-quarter acre lot was originally part of Richard H. Adams farm "Oak Hall." In 1883 the Northern Methodists purchased this site for their new parsonage. The site was to be "kept and maintained as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the preachers of the M. E. Church who may be stationed at Royal Oak and the said M. E. Church in Ferry Neck, known together as the Royal Oak Circuit."

Leonard notes that the 1877 Atlas erroneously identifies this lot as that of "Captain J. Leonard." In fact, around 1872 this parcel of Richard H. Adam's land had been sold to the local blacksmith James Richardson. Richardson then sold it to Spedden Orem, a trustee of the Ferry Neck M. E. Church, in 1883. The structure shown in the 1877 map had been either moved or demolished by that time as the Northern Methodists proceeded to erect a new building on the site. Following its use as a parsonage, this very attractive property passed to Mrs. Ellen Jefferson.



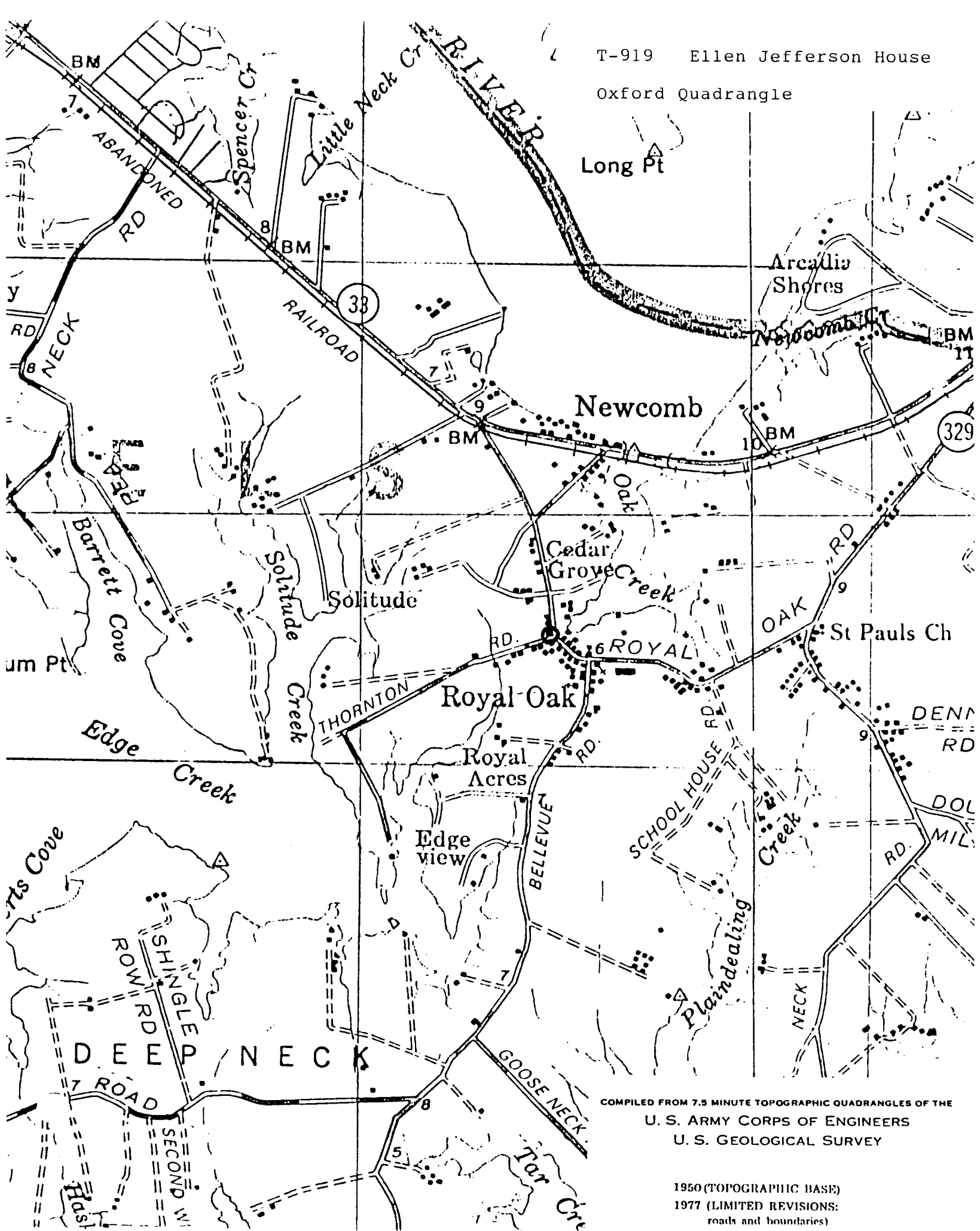
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Ellen Jefferson house Description cont'd.

four-over-four sash windows with narrow surrounds. One small four-over-four sash window with a rounded upper sash is placed at the attic level. The two-story addition which extends to the west of the house is indented about one bay to the north. Filling this corner space between the addition and the house's main body is a screened porch with square supports and decorative brackets. A fifteen light door opens onto this porch which is one bay in width. The addition's southern bay consists of one four-over-four sash window with narrow surrounds. The second floor is lit by two four-over-four sash windows with narrow surrounds.

Currently, the house seems to be unoccupied. It appears that much of the original woodwork is in place on the interior.

One outbuilding stands on the property. A gable roof two car garage sheathed in white weatherboard and roofed with wood shingles sits to the rear of the house. This property is encircled by a decorative iron fence.



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Oxford Quadrangle

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U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1950 (TOPOGRAPHIC BASE)  
1977 (LIMITED REVISIONS:  
roads and boundaries)



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JEFFERSON

HOUSE

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ELEVATION